

TOPA MOUNTAIN WINERY

# OCTOBER 2020 WINE CLUB RELEASE



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Harvest is wrapping up this year  
earlier than anticipated-

... and we're quite pleased with the results. We braved two of the worst heat spells that we've seen here, and in addition have managed to escape the brutal fires that seemingly all of our neighboring wine regions are fighting. We are fortunate, to say the least. The harvest was a good one, with a mild spring and early summer, the grapes had ample time to develop their character and flavors before the heat came along, and when it did, they were already in a good place for picking. Most of our fruit was picked before the heat, and a couple stragglers bravely fought it with surprisingly little signs of wear.

## Beautifully ripe

flavors and intense fruits, balanced by fresh acidity have shone through on the wines of 2020. It's certainly an interesting year, and one to look out for when the wines are released. At the moment we are carefully monitoring the final fermentations at the winery, measuring nutrients and temperatures, and keeping the yeasts happily doing their thing. The grapes have all been hand picked, hand sorted, and after their fermentations, will be pressed and put into their barrels to age throughout the winter.



*winemaker*  
DOMINIC O'REILLY

I hope you all have managed this year as well as can be, and thank you so much for the continued support of our craft.

CHEERS,

*Dominic*

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## Well, Wine Club Members, *it's been an interesting year!*

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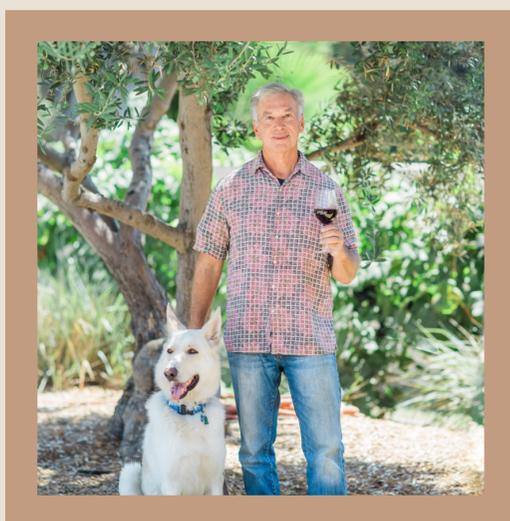
*It is with great joy that we share with you our October 2020 wine release, as we believe that these are some of the best wines we have produced yet! I am especially excited about the release of our 2017 Chief Peak, which is the fourth vintage of our flagship wine. Our Chief Peak Blend is a blend of Syrah and Grenache featuring 100% Ojai fruit. We are also currently enjoying our 2017 Blend 33 (rated 91 points by Wine Enthusiast) as we experience our prolonged summer, or what we call in this area, an “Indian Summer”. There is something for everyone in this shipment and we hope you enjoy these wines as much as we have!*

*Speaking of great scores... If by some chance you are yet to enjoy the 2017 Blend 150 and 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon from the last wine club release, we're thrilled to share with you that Wine Enthusiast rated those reds at 93 Points (with Editor's Choice distinction) and 92 Points, respectively. More of a white wine drinker? We have another point score to share! Our 2017 Reserve Chardonnay (released in February) was also awarded 93 Points by **Wine Enthusiast**. It is wonderful to see our wines receiving such attention. If you need to restock these wines, please email Katie at [wineclub@topawines.com](mailto:wineclub@topawines.com) and she will gladly help put together an order for you.*

*Thank you for your continued support of our wines and wine club throughout what has been such a challenging year for so many of us. In times like this, a great glass of wine is that much more appreciated!*

*Cheers,  
Larry*

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LARRY GUERRA  
OWNER

## TASTING ROOM TREATS



*We know how much you all love our merchandise section in the Tasting Room, & we are excited to share that have added some new, fun options to our snack items.*

For the pairing suggestions this release, we have focused on the small batch, artisan snacks you can always find at your member discount in our Tasting Room.

*Happy Pairing!*

If you aren't able to make it to the Tasting Room, but would like to try these pairings, we are happy to ship these delicious artisan treats to you! Just give us a call or send us an email.